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SUBJ: TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR: AGRILAND DEVELOPMENT

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, PARA 4, LOCAL PRINTER QUOTES DOLLARS 550 FOR 1000 TWELVE-PAGE BROCHURE CONSISTING OF MISSION MEMBERS' PICTURES, APPROPRIATE TEXT FOR EACH MEMBER AND TITLE PAGES. DESIGN AND COLORS (TWO) SAME AS BROCHURES DONE FOR JUNE -75 TEXTILE MISSION. COST FOR 500 BROCHURES IS DOLLARS 400. IN ORDER TO PRINT AND FORWARD BROCHURES TO ALGIERS AND TUNIS FOR DISTRIBUTION PRIOR TO MISSION ARRIVAL, IT IS REQUIRED THAT ADVANCE OFFICER BRING TEXT AND PICTURES OF MISSION MEMBERS TO CASABLANCA ON INITIAL VISIT.

2. DETERIORATION IN MOROCCAN/ALGERIAN RELATIONS PRESENTS PROBLEM OF ASSURED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN CASA/ALGIERS. ROYAL AIR MAROC AND AIR ALGERIA HAVE OFFICIALLY SUSPENDED SERVICE, AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT TUNIS AIR INTENDS TO TAKE SIMILAR OFFICIALLY ACTION. REMAINING AIRLINES OPERATING BETWEEN CASA/ALGIERS ARE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES, SAUDI ARAB AIRLINES, AND LIBYAN ARABIAN AIRLINES, AND WE ANTICIPATE LATTER WILL OFFICIALLY SUSPEND SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY AIR ALGERIA. TUNIS AIR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS ARE THRICE-WEEKLY, SAUDI AND SYRIAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS ARE ONCE A WEEK, AND THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE BEEN UNOFFICIALLY SUSPENDED OVER THE WEEKEND. EVEN IF THESE

AIRLINES RESUME SERVICE, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CHANGE
IN SEQUENCE OF THREE-COUNTRY MISSION VISIT AS CURRENTLY PLANNED.

3. GIVEN CURRENT STATE OF MOROCCAN/ALGERIAN RELATIONS AND UNCERTAIN-
TY IN FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN CASA/ALGIERS, WE ANTICIPATE
DIFFICULTY IN THE ENTRY OF PRINTED MATTER INTO ALGIERS WHICH ORIGI-
NATES IN MOROCCO IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, AND AN UNDUE DELAY IN
CIRCUITOUSLY SENDING ALGERIAN SHARE OF BROCHURES VIA AMEMBASSY
TUNIS AS ALTERNATIVE IN THE SECOND INSTANCE. PERHAPS IT IS BEST
THAT AMEMBASSY ALGIERS HAVE ITS SHARE OF BROCHURES PRINTED LOCALLY
WHICH SHOULD OMIT ANY REFERENCE OF MISSION VISIT TO MOROCCO.

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